



**ST. JOSEPH COUNTY**  
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# St. Joseph County Department of Health

*"Promoting physical and mental health and facilitating the prevention of disease, injury and disability for all St. Joseph County residents"*

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## COVID-19 Cases Update

St. Joseph County- As of today, the county's total number of confirmed cases is at 478. We are also confirming another death related to COVID-19 infection, bringing the County's total deaths to 12. As of today, over 6,000 tests have been administered in St. Joseph County.

Beacon Health System will host a mobile testing site Wednesday, April 22 from 12 -3 p.m. at Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church (1620 S. Saint Joseph St., South Bend). Individuals must be experiencing symptoms (fever, cough, or shortness of breath). Testing is available on a first come, first served basis.

While the St. Joseph County Department of Health has recommended that most routine care for well adults be deferred due to COVID-19, the recommendation only applies to care for well adults. We urge that children continue to receive well-child care and immunizations, and that both adults and children seek necessary care for chronic conditions and new concerning symptoms. Local health systems are equipped to address medical emergencies that are not related to COVID-19 while attending to infection prevention measures to keep patients and health care workers safe. Please do not hesitate to go to the ER in the event of a true medical emergency.

The St. Joseph County Department of Health urges the continuation of the following actions:

- **Practice extreme physical distancing.**
  - Maintain at least 6ft between individuals.
  - Wearing a mask does NOT eliminate the need for physical distancing.
- **Practice frequent and proper hand hygiene & cough etiquette.**
  - Wash hands often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap & water; coughing and sneezing into your sleeve.
- **Stay home if ill.**
- **Adhere to the current Stay-at-Home order which has been extended to May 1, 2020.**

For more information on COVID-19, visit the Indiana State Department of Health at [www.in.gov/isdh](http://www.in.gov/isdh) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). For general questions as it relates to COVID-19 infection, please call 2-1-1.

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